The 2014 Carlos Perez-Mesa, M.D., Lectureship, “Medicine in the Art of War: Stories in the Art of Soldier-Artists”, Dr. Mathes will present and discuss in narrative style on medically-themed art taken from a collection of over 15,000 works, most never seen by the American public, depicting day-to-day life and experiences from combat zones. The stories emanating from the images of the routines of war: boredom, suffering, healing, hope, fear, courage, savagery and kindness, and that which cannot be conveyed through words.

Carlos Perez-Mesa, MD, held many appointments at the MU School of Medicine, Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, and the Cancer Research center of Columbia. He was a respected cancer researcher, clinician, and teacher. He also was a loving husband and father who was passionate about the arts and humanities.

An endowed Carlos Perez-Mesa, MD, Lectureship in Medical Humanities has been established at MU in his honor to further discussions that focus on the art and ethics of medicine.